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Bulkeley High To Reopen Monday (Jan. 30) After Transformer Fire

(Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006) – After a Herculean effort by all involved, Bulkeley High School will reopen tomorrow (Monday, Jan. 30). Crews worked throughout the weekend to restore power, clean ventilation systems, check and restore fire alarm systems, email and other communications services to the school after an explosion and fire occurred last Thursday morning in a self-contained transformer room at the school.

A crew from Connecticut Light & Power was performing routine annual maintenance on the transformers when the explosion occurred at approximately 9:30 a.m. Thursday, January 26.

Students and staff at the school were immediately evacuated without injury, and school was dismissed. However, damage to the transformer and the immediate electrical connections was extensive.

"I am extremely proud of the way in which everyone conducted themselves in this incident," said Robert Henry, Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools. "To have the school ready to open on Monday morning took a lot of hard work, cooperation and teamwork on everyone's part and I would like to thank everyone involved."

Superintendent Henry informed Mayor Perez that the school would be ready to open early Sunday afternoon.